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Comments may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing; by mail to Brian Arnold, Project Manager, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701; or by email to Brian.Arnold@vdot.virginia.gov.

Comments must be postmarked, emailed or delivered to VDOT by **September 27, 2019** in order to be included in the public hearing record.

After the public comment period closes, VDOT will review and evaluate any information received as a result of this hearing. This information, including the hearing summary, will be available

for review at the VDOT Culpeper District office. After all comments have been addressed, the information received as a result of the hearing will be presented to VDOT's Chief Engineer or designee for consideration. If approval of the major design features is received for this project, it will move forward to the final design phase.

More information on this project can be found at www.virginiadot.org/projects/culpeper/fontaineaveextbridge.asp.

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DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Route 702 (Fontaine Avenue Extended) Albemarle County Replacement of Bridge

Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 5-7 p.m.
Virginia Department of Forestry-Training Room
900 Natural Resources Drive
Charlottesville, VA 22903

Public Meeting

Welcome to the Virginia Department of Transportation's design public hearing on the proposed project to replace the Route 702 (Fontaine Avenue Extended) bridge over Morey Creek in Albemarle County.

This public hearing is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on his/her own behalf or representing a group or governing agency, to give VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project.

VDOT strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation projects and programs affecting them.

VDOT representatives are present to discuss the project and answer your questions.

A comment sheet is included in the handouts for this meeting, and your input is encouraged. All oral and written comments received on this project will be included in a transcript for review by VDOT personnel, citizens and other interested parties.

Project Overview



Anticipated Cost – \$3.5 million

Purpose – To replace the structurally deficient bridge over Morey Creek

Location – About 0.1 mile west of Route 29

Improvements – Replace the bridge with a box culvert

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will replace the existing Route 702 (Fontaine Avenue Extended) bridge over Morey Creek in Albemarle County.

The existing concrete slab bridge was built in 1932 and is considered structurally deficient.

VDOT proposes replacing the bridge with a box culvert.

During construction, Route 702 will be reduced to one lane controlled by temporary traffic signals on each end of the bridge.

Construction is expected to begin in fall 2022.

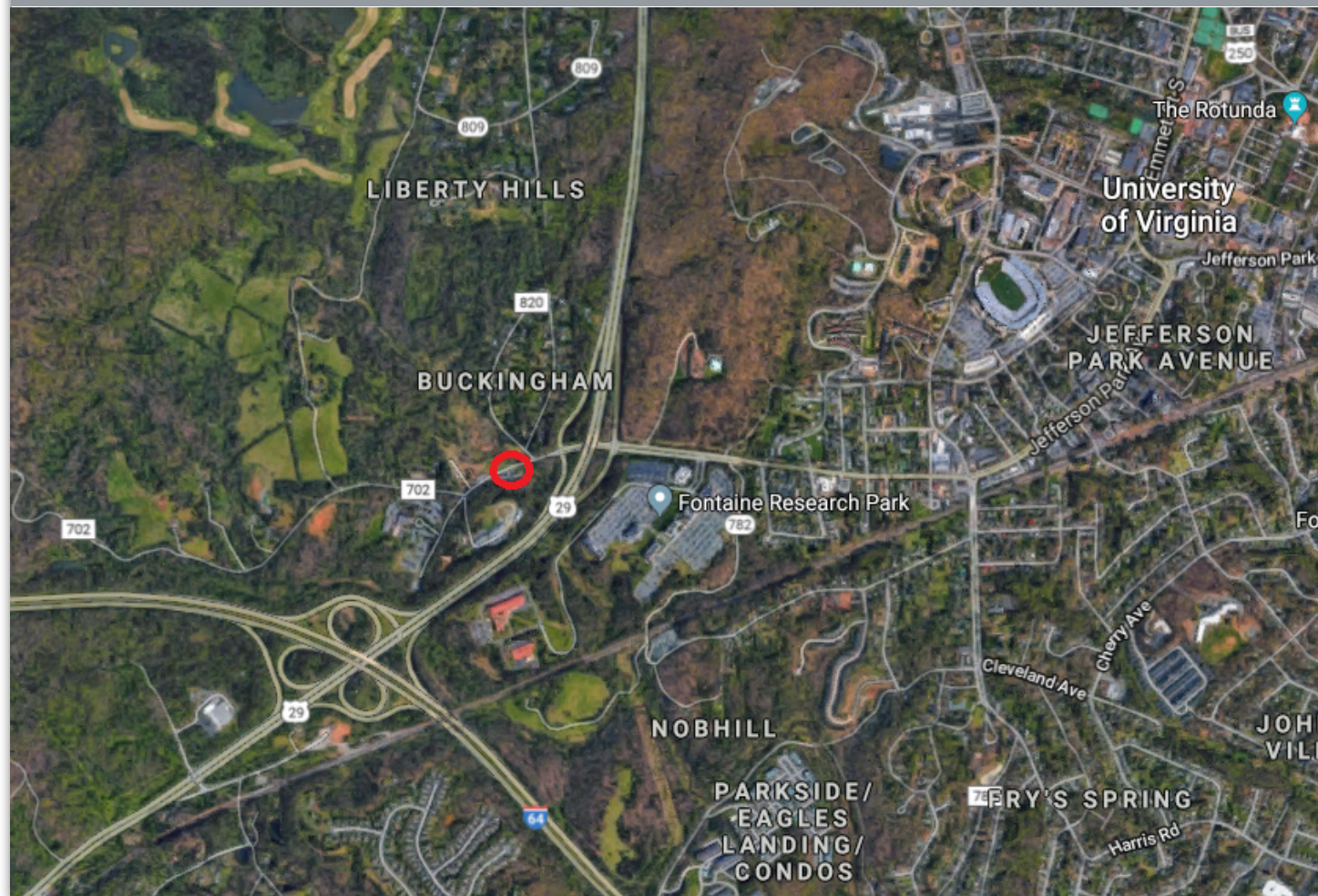
The Route 702 bridge carries approximately 1,700 vehicles per day.

Once construction is complete in summer 2023, the bridge will be open to all legal weight vehicles.

The design of this project is in compliance with the Stormwater Management Act, stormwater regulations and the annual stormwater management standards and specifications approved by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. The construction of this project will conform to the nationwide best management practices, VDOT specifications and special provisions, and the Virginia Department of Soil and Water conservation regulations.

During construction, every reasonable effort will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust and erosion control. Access to all properties will be maintained during construction.

Project Map



Estimated Project Cost

Total Cost:

\$3,500,000

Engineering of Roadway Plans:

\$800,000

Right of Way Acquisition, Relocation Assistance and Utility Relocation:

\$200,000

Construction:

\$2,500,000

Cost is subject to change as the design is developed.

Environmental Review

VDOT's Culpeper District Environmental office has performed environmental reviews and coordination to obtain information about environmental resources in the project vicinity; to provide natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the project during its development; and to identify opportunities for avoidance, minimization and mitigation of potential environmental impacts.

This project is being coordinated through the State Environmental Review Process (SERP). Field surveys will be conducted and state resource agencies contacted to obtain input regarding the potential impacts of the project to the environment. SERP provides Virginia's environmental resource agencies an opportunity to comment on the highway improvements at the project initiation state.

The project will continue to be coordinated with the appropriate state and local agencies as part of environmental review and approval processes required throughout project development and construction. All required environmental clearances and permits will be obtained prior to commencement of construction. Strict compliance with all environmental conditions and commitments resulting from regulatory approvals and implementation of VDOT's specifications and standard best management practices will protect the environment during construction.

Representatives are available to discuss this information and to answer questions.

Anticipated Schedule

The following schedule has been proposed:

Public hearing: **September 17, 2019**

Public comment period ends: **September 27, 2019**

Right of way acquisition and utility relocation: **Winter 2021**

Construction advertisement: **Spring 2022**

Construction completion: **Summer 2023**

Project schedule is subject to change.

Civil Rights

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information with regard to your civil rights on this project or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, contact the project manager listed on the back of this brochure.

Right of Way

The replacement of the Route 702 bridge over Morey Creek will not require the displacement of any families, businesses or non-profit organizations.

As the project is developed further, additional right of way for utility relocation or construction may be required beyond the proposed limits shown on the public hearing plans. The property owners will be informed of the exact location of the easements during the right of way acquisition process and prior to construction.

Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT's Right of Way and Utilities brochure, "A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants." Copies of this brochure are available on the [VDOT website](#) and from any VDOT Right of Way agent.

After the public hearing, information regarding right of way may be obtained from the Right of Way contact listed on the back of this brochure.